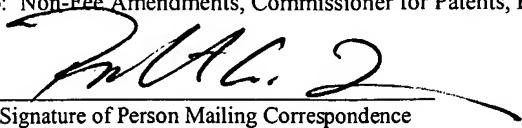


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Applicant:	Karl R. Meyer	Docket No.:	39861.0200
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Arlington, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

This preliminary amendment is being filed contemporaneously with the above referenced continuation US application, which continues from and claims priority to application serial no. 10/090665. Prior to examining the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks:

**Amendment to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.